

**Governor's School Safety Task Force
Education Work Group meeting
Patrick Henry Building, Conference Room 2
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
January 17, 2013
1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Education Work Group:

- **The Honorable Laura Fornash**, Secretary of Education (Chair)
- **Peter Blake**, Executive Director- State Council on Higher Education
- **Regina Blackwell Brown**, Educational Specialist for School Counseling - Henrico County Public Schools
- **Dr. Scott Brabrand**, Superintendent- Lynchburg City Schools
- **Lee Brannon**, Superintendent- Wythe County
- **Joel Branscom**, Commonwealth's Attorney, Botetourt County
- **Michael Cline**, State Coordinator of Emergency Management
- **Steve Cover**, Chief- Virginia Beach Fire Department
- **Jeff Ellick**, Principal, James River High School (Chesterfield Co.)
- **Rachel Foglesong**, Asst. Principal- A.M. Davis Elementary School (Chesterfield Co.)
- **Sarah Gross**, Legislative Liaison – Virginia PTA
- **Meg Gruber**, President – Virginia Education Association
- **Brian Hieatt**, Sheriff- Tazewell County
- **Allen Hill**, Father of Rachel Hill, victim of Virginia Tech shootings
- **Dr. Charles J. Klink**, Asst. Vice Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs, VCU
- **Judi M. Lynch, Ph.D.**, Principal- Saint Gertrude High School, (City of Richmond)
- **Dr. Keith Perrigan**, Principal- Patrick Henry High School (Washington Co.)
- **Alexa Rennie**, Student- James River High School
- **Dianne Smith**, School Board Member – Chesterfield County
- **Steve Staples**, Executive Director- Virginia Association of School Superintendents
- **Leonard Stewart, Jr.**, School Board Member, City of Lexington
- **Josie Webster**, Virginia Council for Private Education
- **Patricia Wright, Ed.D.**, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Staff:

- **Joann Burkholder**, Student Assistance Systems Coordinator, DOE
- **Dr. Cynthia Cave**, Director, Office of Student Services, DOE
- **Mary Savage**, Emergency Preparedness & Safety Manager, VCCS
- **Diane Vermaaten**, High Ed Council Sr. Coordinator, SCHEV
- **Larry Wilder**, Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Education

Legal Counsel

- Kay Heidbreder, Office of the Attorney General
- Noelle Shaw-Bell, Office of the Attorney General

TASK FORCE CHARGE:

- Evaluate school safety audits that have already been conducted and identify best practices that schools or divisions have implemented that would be helpful to all and review any audit findings that have not been addressed.
- Recommend improvements to K-12 school safety protocols and procedures to ensure an even safer learning environment
- Identify ways to improve and expand the use of School Resource Officers and School Security Officers in Virginia's public schools
- Recommend a mechanism for schools and localities to identify and share the best practices for improved school safety on an ongoing and continuing basis.
- Suggest additional resources, programs, or tools that the Virginia Center for School Safety or the Department of Education could make available to Virginia's local school divisions and schools.
- Recommend needed improvements to campus safety policies or procedures at Virginia's public and private colleges, community colleges, and universities.
- Examine current laws and regulations to identify gaps relating to school and campus safety and provide timely recommendations for legislative or budget amendments.
- Review the recommendations set forth in previous state and national reports and studies and provide strategies for implementation of relevant, realistic recommendations that would enhance school or campus safety.

EDUCATION WORKGROUP APPROACH:

- Focus on school and campus safety in a comprehensive context, including policies, human resources, building and grounds safety, and community relationships and support.
- Identify best practices, including evidenced-based strategies and programs that schools or divisions have implemented, which would be helpful to all.
- Coordinate with the Mental Health Workgroup and review its recommendations
- The Education Workgroup will meet throughout the year on a schedule to be determined until June 30, 2013 and provide recommendations to the Task Force on School and Campus Safety .
- In light of the Governor's charge that the Task Force examine current laws and regulations to identify gaps relating to school and campus safety and provide timely recommendations for legislative or budget amendments, the two initial January meetings of the Education Workgroup will focus on any recommendations to the Task Force for its consideration on legislative or budgetary action.

EDUCATION WORK GROUP SCHEDULE**Meeting 1 – 2013**

Location: Patrick Henry Building, Conference Room 2, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA
Thurs., Jan. 17, 1pm – 4pm

- Examine current laws, regulations and recommendations set forth in previous state and national reports and studies to identify gaps relating to school and campus safety to provide timely recommendations for legislative or budget amendments.

Meeting 2 - 2013

Location: Patrick Henry Building, Conference Room 3, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA
Thurs., Jan. 24, 10am – 1pm

- Analyze/review initial meeting findings; finalize input to Task Force in form of recommendations which require legislative action and/or budget amendment; finalize Work Plan

Additional Meetings: (TBD)

AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Call to Order (15 minutes)**
 - a. Opening Remarks**
 - b. Review Governor's Charge to Task Force**
 - c. Approach of Education Work Group**
 - i. Short-term: first two January meetings for recommendations necessitating legislation/budget amendments during current GA session
 - ii. Long-term: following meetings to focus on remaining EO charges and additional policy considerations

- II. Potential Legislative and Budget Recommendations: K-12 (1 hour)**
 - a. Safe and Drug Free Schools (Cynthia Cave, DOE)
 - b. Student Assistant Programming (Joann Burkholder, DOE)
 - c. Summary of School Divisions' Safety Audit findings (Cynthia Cave, DOE)
 - d. Other items for consideration

- III. Potential Legislative and Budget Recommendations: Higher Education (1 hour)**
 - a. *Report of the Virginia State Crime Commission on Campus Safety* -January 2006 (Mary Savage, VCCS)
 - b. *Virginia's Community College's Focus on Emergency Preparation and Management* - Report of the Chancellor's Emergency Preparedness Review task Force -January 2008 (Mary Savage, VCCS)
 - c. *Virginia College Mental Health Study Prepared for the Joint Commission on Health Care*- November 2011 (Larry Wilder, Office of Sec. of Education)
 - d. *Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Advisory Board Report and Implementation Strategies – Enhancing Campus Safety* (December 2012) – Kirsten Nelson, SCHEV
 - e. Other items for consideration

- IV. Developing Work Plan (15 minutes)**
 - a. January 24 meeting
 - b. Future meetings
 - i. Framework
 - 1. Student support programmatic considerations
 - 2. Building security
 - 3. Community stakeholder engagement
 - 4. Data collection
 - ii. Other items
 - iii. Meeting frequency

- V. Public Comment (30 minutes)**

- VI. Closing**